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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Sub D 10. (Amended) A process for the manufacture of a transdermal system according to claim 1 wherein in a freely selectable order, an adhesive layer is applied to a protective layer, an active-ingredient-containing polymer layer optionally having perforations is applied to the adhesive layer, a further adhesive layer is optionally applied above the polymer layer, and a cover layer is applied to the top layer.

C 2 13. (Amended) A transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer comprises a net, a non-woven fabric or a woven fabric.

C 3 17. (Amended) A transdermal system according to claim 1 wherein the water-soluble polymer is a cellulose ester or derivatives thereof.

18. (Amended) A transdermal system according to claim 1 wherein the water-soluble polymer is a cellulose ether or derivatives thereof.

C 4 22. (Amended) A transdermal system according to claim 11, wherein the water-vapour-impermeable material is polypropylene or polyethylene.

Sub D 5 28. (Amended) A transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is nicotine.

29. (Amended) A transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is nitroglycerine.

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cont. 30. (Amended) A method of treating Angina pectoris, nicotine withdrawal or testosterone deficiency symptoms by the administration of a transdermal system according to claim 1.

Kindly add new claims 31 and 32 without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents to read as follows:

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-- 31. (New) A transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the polymer layer is perforated, so that the adhesive layer below the polymer layer can come into contact with the cover layer.

Subj D&D 32. (New) A transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is a mixture of at least two components selected from the group consisting of testosterone, nitroglycerine and nicotine. --